

U.S. Embassy Ljubljana, Slovenia

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Demonstration in Ljubljana on April 27th

U.S. Embassy Ljubljana informs U.S. citizens that a demonstration is scheduled to take place in Ljubljana on Saturday, April 27th, at 15:00 in Kongresni Trg. The demonstration is being organized by the All Slovenian Uprising, whose supporters have staged rallies around the country calling for Slovenia's "political elites" to step down. April 27th holds symbolic meaning (the formation of the liberation front during WWII) and it is anticipated that several thousand people may attend the event. During protests last fall, firecrackers and other objects were thrown at the police, who responded by using tear gas to disperse agitators. Several protesters were arrested and some minor injuries occurred.

We encourage U.S. citizens to take caution and exercise appropriate security measures. Be aware of your surroundings. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our <u>Bureau of Consular Affairs website</u>, which contains the current <u>Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts</u>, the <u>Worldwide</u> Caution and the Country Specific Information for Slovenia.

We strongly encourage U.S. citizens living or traveling in Slovenia to <u>register with</u> the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana through the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to obtain updated information on travel and security within Slovenia. By registering, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly at the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana.

Regularly monitor the <u>State Department's website</u>. For additional information, refer to "<u>A Safe Trip Abroad</u>" on the State Department's website. Follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>. You can also download our free Smart Traveler App, available through <u>iTunes</u> and the <u>Android market</u>, to have travel information at your fingertips.

The <u>U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana</u> is located at Presernova 31. The American Citizens Services Unit telephone number is (386) 1-200-5595. For after-hours emergencies, the number is (386) 1-200-5500.